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Aruba takes to the polls!



Aruba's Governor Refunjol ready to cast his vote



Bright and early, islanders were lining up at the various polling stations, eager to make their vote count in a nation which averages one of

the highest voter turnouts every four years. Nearly 150 candidates from six political parties sought office in Aruba's 21-seat parliament.

As THE MORNING NEWS goes to print, it is much too soon to project any winners. The existing parliament consisted of 12 seats occupied by the Arubaanse Volkspartij, AVP, lead by Prime Minister Mike Eman. Movimiento Electoral de Pueblo, or MEP held eight seats and Democrazia Real,

had one.

Aruba's Governor Fredis Refunjol with his wife, Clarette, appeared at the Sacred Heart School in Savaneta to vote at 10:00 AM, as did Parliamentarian and AVP candidate Donny Rasijn, who had quite a following in the district.

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Rudy Lampe, leader of Partido Red Democratico, or RED, showed up at the KIA Correctional Training Annex in Pos Chiquito early in the morning to cast his vote, accompanied by his supporters, all decked out in their signature white color.

Evelyn Wever-Croes, leader of Movimiento Electoral de Pueblo, or MEP, also cast her vote early in the day at the Mario College in Oranjestad.

Many voters elected to demonstrate their party or



candidate loyalties in brightly colored tee shirts, while the majority chose to keep their voting decision a private matter.

The round of afternoon voting was led by the leader of Democracia Real, Andin Bikker, with a long proces-

sion and the Prime Minister casting his vote in Oranjestad with his wife, Doina, at 3:00 PM.

For the final election results when all the votes are counted, visit THE MORNING NEWS website, www.themorningnewsaruba.com.

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Hickenson Hotel is part of the big plans for San Nicolas



Within the context of the big plans that the government has for San Nicolas, last week the Minister of Tourism held a meeting with one of the heirs of the Hickenson Hotel in San Nicolas.

During this meeting the minister received good news that one of the heirs will purchase the property and will continue developing the hotel. Everything indicates that financing is completed and only a few details are left to be finalized. Soon we should see construction activity on the site again.

The meeting with the Hickenson heir was to ex-

The Minister has agreed with Mrs. Hickenson that they will contact their other family member who will be the proprietor of the hotel. During the upcoming weeks contact will be established. Or, better yet, during a trip of a delegation to New Orleans. The idea is to also explore how the government's plans can fit into the concept of the Carubbian Street.

A delegation of the government and investors are planning a trip to New Orleans to learn how the concept works and to see how they can utilize the Bourbon Street concept in San Nicolas.



plore the direction that the family wants to take with the hotel here in San Nicolas to ascertain if this fits with the plans that the government has for developing San Nicolas as the second tourism capital of Aruba.

The plans for Carubbian Street is to create a cultural atmosphere like the Carubbian Festival, but permanent, attracting tourist to above the bridge: San Nicolas.

With respect to the changes, we may have to change some laws to include a casino project. Also Hotel Marchena has been accorded a casino with their developers. They will make an exception for them in view of the limited number of rooms, which are less than required by our current laws.

The Minister explained that the plan that the government has is a well defined plan, where investors are already very interested in investing in San Nicolas to create the second tourism capital of Aruba. This will be a completely new product for Aruba compared to what we have in Palm Beach. A new experience with more culture, music and history that will provide visitors with a completely new experience.

Editor's Note: This hotel stands for about 10 years now as an ugly eyesore at the head of the Main Street in San Nicolas. Developing it into a thriving business would be the best thing for San Nicolas, indeed. We only hope they don't drag their feet on this!

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Marriott loss prevention team attends "Emergency Medical Response" training



The month of September celebrates Marriott's Global Safety and Security Month with focus on divers trainings for the Marriott Loss Prevention teams worldwide. Last week a group of ten Marriott Aruba's Loss Prevention officers received several trainings including the "Emergency Medical Response"(EMR) at the Aruba Marriott. The training was provided by Mr. John Tromp of Instituto Medico San

Nicolas (IMSAN).

During the 4 days of training the Loss Prevention team was demonstrated how to successfully execute the following scenarios: Patient Assessment/Management (Trauma & Medical), BVM Ventilation of an Apneic Adult Patient, Oxygen Administration by non-rebreather Mask and Adult Cardiac Arrest Management/AED.

Focusing on the Global

Safety and Security Month, the Loss Prevention department was able to gain additional knowledge and instructions how to provide pre-medical care to guests and colleagues.

It is the first time for a hotel in Aruba to receive the Emergency Medical Response training. The Aruba Marriott continues to strive to provide a safe and secure environment for guests and associates.

Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino celebrates Housekeeping Week in grand fashion!



Recently Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino showed their appreciation to all those working on the Housekeeping Department. More than

150 employees from the Renaissance Marina, Renaissance Ocean Suites, Renaissance Mall, Renaissance Marketplace, Renaissance Conven-

tion Center y Seaport & Crystal Casino joined together to celebrate Housekeeping Week.

At the beginning of the week all housekeepers received a t-shirt themed Housekeeping Week. The schedule of the Housekeeping Week celebration consisted of Breakfast Buffet every morning, Zumba classes, Bingo, sport sessions, popular games, cinema and a bus trip. Besides all this different prizes were raffled and Supervisors were honored and recognized for their tremendous work and loyalty to the company. The culmination of this week was a tremendous dance party animated by popular band 'Perfect Sound.' Each Housekeeping Department employee could bring along an invitee. The bash took place at the Renaissance Convention Center and everyone also enjoyed a delicious buffet and danced the night away.

"The Housekeeping Week celebration is very important for Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino. During this week the utmost is done to give special attention to all employees from the Housekeeping Department to demonstrate that they are really appreciated in our company." Our standards in hygiene and cleanliness are high, so their work requires attention and dedication. We are happy to treat everyone of the Housekeeping Department a social week, according to Zugheila Lindeborg, Marketing Executive of Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino.

Plasterk: Last subsidy for Dutch Caribbean was in 2012

THE HAGUE – A Member of Parliament of one of the Dutch Caribbean islands asked the Minister of Kingdom Relations, Ronald Plasterk how it is possible that Dutch tax payers are still paying for subsidies to the former Netherlands Antilles islands, while the islands are supposed to regulate their own affairs. Plasterk replied in a letter to the MP that the subsidies were stopped this year.



"The last collaboration funds were made available to the Dutch Caribbean countries (Aruba, Curacao and Sint Maarten) and the public enti-

ties (Saba, Sint Eustatius and Bonaire) in 2012," according to the Minister in his letter. "This is not a direct subsidy, but the funds administered by the Development Foundation Aruba (FDA), Netherlands Antilles Development Foundation (SONA) and Foundation Antillean C-Financing Organization (AMFO). The implementation of the cooperation policy will continue until the end of 2013 for AMFO, until 2014 for SONA and until 2015 for FDA. Then it is up to the countries themselves to continue with their policies in the field of education, socioeconomic development, good governance and security and to reserve sufficient funds for these policies on their budget."



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Acqua Condominium Aruba reports construction updates



Acqua Condominium Aruba, a project spearheaded by Acqua Construction, on 325, 278 sq. ft. of prime property land on Palm Beach announced this week that construction has been progressing at a satisfactory pace and that the sales gallery as well as the model-suite within the Sabbia Tower, are ready to welcome tours and inquiries, seven days a week.

The Sabbia Tower, overlooking Palm Beach boasts 208, 2-bedroom condos, with 2 baths each, spread over 14 floors. The two top building floors embrace 16 penthouse apartments with majestic views. The building, the public areas and amenities are scheduled to conclude construction in 14 months. Then following the completion of the elegant club house, the three tropical landscaped pools and the spa-

cious parking lot, condos will be delivered to their proud new owners.

A spokesperson for Acqua Condominium reports that the construction crew is currently completing the fencing and working on the pool, parking lot, and exterior landscaping. In the next few weeks with the installation of the windows, the building will be sealed from the outside and the finishing details including tiling, painting and carpentry will commence. The spokesperson also revealed that all along, Acqua Condominium has enjoyed much attention, and is being visited regularly by tourists longing to make their dream of a vacation-home on the island, come true. In fact, the project has successfully sold 45% of its first phase, to date.

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Half of British pilots fall asleep on the job: survey

LONDON (AFP) - More than half of Britain's airline pilots have fallen asleep in the cockpit and a third have woken up to find their co-pilot asleep, according to a new survey.

The poll of 500 pilots commissioned by the British Airline Pilots' Association (BALPA) also found that 43 percent believed tiredness had compromised their ability to fly a plane at least once a month for the last six months.

Some 56 percent admitted they had fallen asleep during a flight and 29 percent said they had woken up to find the other pilot had also dozed off, according to the ComRes poll.

The survey comes after it emerged that both the captain and co-pilot of an Airbus A330 plane fell asleep at the same time while it was on autopilot during a flight by an unnamed British operator on August 13.

The Civil Aviation Authority said one of the pilots had reported that the pair had only five hours' sleep each for the previous two nights.

Nearly half of the pilots questioned by the BALPA -- 49 percent -- identified tiredness as the biggest threat to flight safety, while a third said their airline's culture discouraged them from reporting their tiredness.

Media reports said the airline involved in the August incident was Virgin Atlantic, but the company said: "No safety reports have been received about pilots falling asleep simultaneously whilst in control of an aircraft."

The BALPA survey comes ahead of a vote in the European parliament on Monday on proposals to set out maximum working hours for pilots and other airline staff.

Acqua Condominium Aruba reports construction updates

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The two condo towers, on the already fully-fenced property, will be complemented by a two-story shopping complex, facing the Palm Beach Plaza Mall, with commercial space for trendy restaurants and upscale shops.

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fast, was recently made even more imperative, in view of the fact that the island government of Aruba reiterated its commitment to a building moratorium for the next 10 years, making Acqua Condominium a truly unique investment opportunity, as it is the one and only high-rise condo

project, on property land, in the island's most-desired location.

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Panasonic sells health unit to US buyout firm for \$1.67 bn

TOKYO (AFP) - Panasonic said Friday it was selling a majority stake in its health unit to US buyout firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts (KKR) for \$1.67 billion as the struggling electronics giant overhauls its vast business.

The deal would transfer ownership of Panasonic Healthcare for 165 billion yen to a subsidiary of the US firm, with the Japanese giant taking a 20 percent stake in that unit.

While the healthcare company is profitable, Panasonic has been trying to scale back its business after losing billions of dollars in the last two fiscal years.

It has scaled back on money-losing divisions, spun off its chip business, and aban-

doned producing smartphones for consumers.

The deal represents KKR's biggest and only its second major investment in the Japanese market since it acquired temporary staffing agency Intelligence for \$356 million in 2010.

"Panasonic Healthcare has excellent market positions and high-level technical capabilities, and we believe it has significant growth potential," said the US firm's co-chief executive Henry Kravis.

The deal to buy Panasonic's health care unit, which makes blood glucose monitoring systems and has a medical IT business, is expected to close by March next year.

In a separate earlier deal,

struck a capital tie-up agreement with Japan's Olympus to tap the lucrative medical equipment market. Although better known as a camera maker, Olympus is a world leader in medical endoscopes.

Panasonic and its domestic rivals, including Sony and Sharp, have been undergoing painful restructuring aimed at stemming years of record losses largely tied to their electronics units.

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20 dead as asylum-seeker boat sinks off Indonesia: police

JAKARTA (AFP) - At least 20 people, mostly children, have drowned and scores are missing after an Australia-bound boat carrying Middle Eastern asylum-seekers sank off Indonesia, police said Friday.

Twenty-five people were plucked to safety but about another 75 were unaccounted for after the boat, carrying people from Lebanon, Jordan and Yemen, went down off the main island of Java, police said.

It came just days ahead of new Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott's visit to Indonesia, his first overseas trip since winning power this month, for talks that will focus on his hardline policies aimed at stemming the flow of asylum seekers.

Boatpeople were a key battleground in the Australian elections due to growing public anger as thousands continue to arrive after making the hazardous sea crossing from Indonesia.

Warsono, a police official in Cianjur district on Java, said that local people found the asylum seekers' bodies floating in

an estuary on Friday morning.

The official, who like many Indonesians goes by one name, added that the boat was believed to have been carrying 120 people when it went down.

He said they were asylum-seekers heading to the Australian territory of Christmas Island.

They had departed from the fishing town of Pelabuhan Ratu in the district of Sukabumi on the south coast of western Java, he said.

Hundreds of asylum-seekers from around the world have died in recent years trying to make the treacherous sea crossing from Indonesia to Australia on rickety, wooden boats.

They normally pay people-smugglers huge sums to make the crossings, and almost always head for Christmas Island, which is far closer to Indonesia than it is to the Australian mainland.

Abbott will begin a two-day visit to Indonesia on Monday, with talks expected to focus on his tough boatpeople policies that have caused anger in Indonesia.

Kenya buries its dead



NAIROBI (AFP) - Mourners sign a book of condolences during a funeral service of Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta's nephew Mbugua Mwangi in Nairobi on Friday. Both Mbugua Mwangi and his fiancee Rosemary Wahito died in the Westgate Mall terrorist attack. Kenyan and foreign forensics teams scoured the wreckage of a Nairobi shopping mall for bodies and clues after a four-day siege by Islamist gunmen left 67 dead and dozens more missing.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Kenya vows to keep up war against Shebab in Somalia

NAIROBI (AFP) - Kenya's interior minister said yesterday the country would not bow to Shebab demands to pull troops out of Somalia following a devastating mall attack in Nairobi by the Al-Qaeda-linked insurgents.

"We went to Somalia because Al-Shebab was a threat to national security... We will continue to take action on that front until our security and interests in the court are protected," Joseph Ole Lenku said.

Somalia's Shebab chief Ahmed Abdi Godane said the Nairobi mall carnage in which at least 67 people were killed was a "message to Westerners," who had "backed Kenya's inva-

sion of Somalia that has spilled the blood of the Muslims for the interest of their oil companies."

In an message posted on an Islamist website, Godane threatened "more bloodshed" unless Kenya withdrew its troops.

Kenya invaded southern Somalia to attack Shebab bases two years ago, and later joined the 17,700-strong African Union force deployed in the country.

Five suspected attackers were also killed in the four-day long siege at the mall, while Lenku said police were now holding eight suspects. Three others have been released without charge.

Syria chemical weapons inspections to start by Tuesday

THE HAGUE (AFP) - International inspectors will get to work eradicating Syria's chemical arsenal by next week, once the world's chemical weapons watchdog approves a US-Russian roadmap drawn up to avert military strikes.

The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons' (OPCW) Executive Council will meet in The Hague to discuss the draft, which will be incorporated in a UN Security Council resolution expected to be passed swiftly afterwards.

The chemical weapons deal is the biggest diplomatic achievement on Syria after more than two years of a bitter civil war that the UN says has killed more than 100,000 people.



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UN panel warns of rising temperatures, blames mankind

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - A UN panel said yesterday it was more certain than ever that humans were the cause of global warming and predicted temperatures would rise another 0.3 to 4.8 degrees Celsius (0.5-8.6 degrees Fahrenheit) this century.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) also projected sea levels would rise between 26 and 82 centimetres (10.4 and 32.8 inches) by 2100, and warned of a higher risk for heatwaves, floods and droughts.

Environmental activists and scientists said the first volume of the panel's long-awaited review, released in Stockholm, made it clearer than ever that Man's fossil-fuel burning must be urgently curbed to limit future damage to the climate system.

In a report summary, the Nobel-winning group said it was "extremely likely" -- a term meaning it was 95-percent convinced -- that humans caused more than half the warming observed over the past 60 years. In its last report in 2007, the panel had rated its



STOCKHOLM (AFP) – Photo shows people screaming outside the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to demand immediate political action on Climate debate yesterday in Stockholm, Sweden.

conviction at 90 percent.

UN climate chief Christiana Figueres said the report's release was "an alarm clock moment for the world. To steer humanity out of the high danger zone, governments must step up immediate climate action and craft an agreement in 2015 that helps to scale up" efforts to curb greenhouse gas emissions.

And US Secretary of State John Kerry also urged strong action, labelling the report "yet another wakeup call."

"Those who deny the science or choose excuses over action are playing with fire," he said in a statement.

The IPCC document is the first volume in a trilogy summarising the status of global warming and its impacts.

Dominican Republic seeks arrest of Polish priest

SANTO DOMINGO (AFP) - Prosecutors in the Dominican Republic said they have asked Interpol to issue an arrest order for an alleged pedophile priest alleged to have abused several young boys.

"We will use whatever judicial resources are needed, whether on the local level or internationally" to bring fugitive Polish priest Wojciech Gil to justice, Attorney General Francisco Dominguez Brito said in a statement.

Gil went missing in May after allegations of child sex abuse were raised.

A court in the city of Santiago, some 155 kilometers

northwest of Santo Domingo, has declared him a fugitive from justice, and Interpol has been asked to help track him down.

Authorities believe Gil has fled the country: press reports say he has surfaced in his native Poland on the pretext of seeking medical treatment.

Gil's young male victims allege that he dressed them up as women and made them parade before him like fashion models before sexually assaulting them.

Prosecutors investigating the case say they also have confiscated pornographic photos that Gil possessed of young

children.

The scandal surrounding Gil has erupted at the same time as a second pedophilia scandal, in which parents of several children in the Dominican Republic have accused the Vatican's now-sacked envoy to the Caribbean nation of pedophilia.

Last month, Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi said an investigation was underway in Rome into allegations of child sex abuse against Josef Wesolowski, a 65-year-old Pole who served as papal envoy in Santo Domingo for about five years. He was ordained in 1972.

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Health & Living

Brazil to test new vaccine against dengue fever

SAO PAULO (AFP) - Brazilian scientists will next month begin clinical tests on humans of a new vaccine against dengue fever, a leading Sao Paulo-based biomedical research institute said Thursday.

The vaccine is being developed to combat the four closely related strains of dengue viruses that have been identified around the world, the Butantan institute said in a statement.

Brazil is frequently afflicted with the disease, which is spread by the mosquito Aedes aegypti.

Work on the vaccine began in 2005 in partnership with the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), Butantan said.

In a first phase, the vaccine was tested on animals and humans in the United States and produced a good immunological response, it noted.

The second phase is to begin in October with clinical

tests on 300 Brazilian volunteers, all healthy adults aged between 18 and 59 of both sexes, over a five-year period.

The institute said the vaccine is expected to be ready by 2018.

"The production of a Brazilian vaccine for dengue fever is a major advance for public health," said Sao Paulo state health secretary Giovanni Guido Cerri.

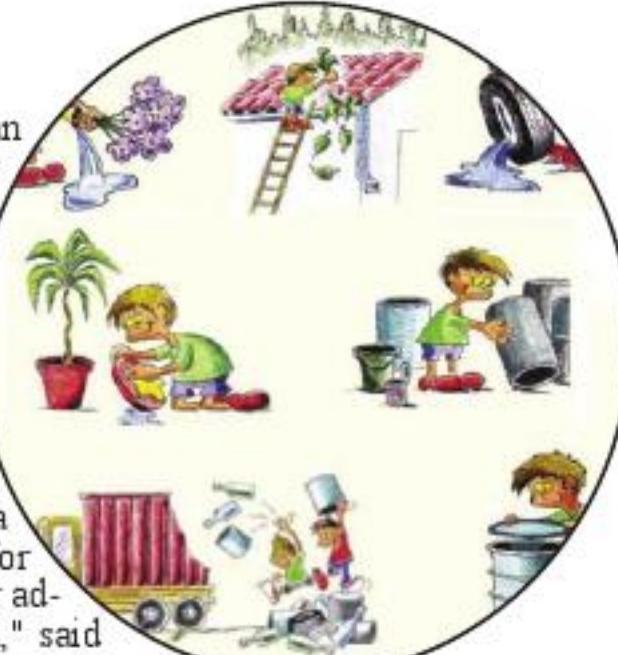
"We are making major strides toward producing a safe, effective and low-cost vaccine which can be incorporated into the National Immunization Program and meet the entire Brazilian demand."

Dengue fever affects between 50 and 100 million people in the tropics and subtropics each year, causing fever, muscle and joint ache as well as potentially fatal

dengue hemorrhagic fever and dengue shock syndrome.

Researchers estimate that around three billion people in the world live in regions susceptible to dengue contagion and another 20 million tourists pass through them.

Butantan, which has a long tradition of research on snakes and poisonous animals, is the leading domestic producer of anti-venom sera and vaccines.



JALALABAD (AFP) - Surgeons in Afghanistan have carried out a life-saving operation on a baby girl born with an extra head, doctors and relatives said Thursday. The girl -- named Asree Gul (new flower) and one of a pair of twins -- was admitted to a hospital in the eastern city of Jalalabad with an extra head attached to her scalp, chief surgeon Ahmad Obaid Mojadidi told AFP. The doctor however, that the baby was not in good condition after the operation. Nematullah, the father of the infant who like many Afghans uses only one name, said he had not expected his baby to survive the operation.

Spain healthcare suffering 'devastating' cuts: NGO

MADRID (AFP) - Hospital budget cuts and new charges for medicine are blocking healthcare access to hundreds of thousands of people in

Spain, including the seriously ill, a top health charity warned this week.

Despite the government's recent claims that the economic crisis is easing, Medicos del Mundo said last year's spending cuts were hitting the most vulnerable people and raising health risks.

Citing government figures, 873,000 people had had their access to Spain's free public healthcare system discontinued since September 2012 -- most of them immigrants whose entitlement lapsed because they lost their jobs.

The healthcare cuts passed in 2012 were part of urgent reforms that the government said were indispensable to save tens of billions of euros and stabilise the public finances.

"The cuts to healthcare are especially harming those most affected by the recession: immigrants, people looking after those with special needs, families on low incomes and pensioners," the president of the organisation, Alvaro Gonzalez, said.

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Sci-Tech**Greenpeace
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MOSCOW (AFP) - Greenpeace on Friday said it would appeal a Russian court decision to detain all 30 crew members of ship involved in a high seas protest against Arctic oil drilling, vowing not to be intimidated.

The Lenin district court in the northern city of Murmansk ruled Thursday that 22 crew members will remain in pre-trial detention for two months during the investigation into alleged piracy over the September 18 protest at a Gazprom oil rig.

Among those to be held for two months was the ship's American captain, Peter Willcox. He was also the captain of Greenpeace's Rainbow Warrior ship, which French secret services bombed and sunk in New Zealand in 1985.

The court also ordered the two-month detention of photographer Denis Sinyakov, a former staff photographer at AFP and Reuters who was working for Greenpeace as a freelancer.

The other eight of the 30-strong crew of Greenpeace's Arctic Sunrise icebreaker, whose detention was prolonged by three days, face new hearings on Sunday that could see them detained for a further period.

Greenpeace said that a British videographer, Kieron Bryan, was also among those detained for two months, as well as support staff including the ship's doctor and cook, who are both Russian.

Investigators in court said that the activists had committed piracy by trying to seize property with threats of violence.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Google celebrated its 15th birthday Thursday with a trip down memory lane, and an update to the search engine formula which helped spawn the tech giant.

The company took journalists on a tour of where it all started -- Susan Wojcicki's garage in Menlo Park, California, where Larry Page and Sergey Brin began working on Google in 1998. Wojcicki is currently a Google vice president.

A Google+ meanwhile

included a photo album of the original home search page, and collected dozens of birthday wishes.

But Google, which has grown into one of the world's biggest companies, was not content to just look at the past. It announced an upgrade to its main search engine, with new ways to integrate its use across different devices.

Since 1998, the tech world has changed dramatically and Google said its search engine has been constantly improved.

"The world has changed so much since then: billions of people have come online, the web has grown exponentially, and now you can ask any question on the powerful little device in your pocket," said Google Search chief Amit Singhal in a blog post.

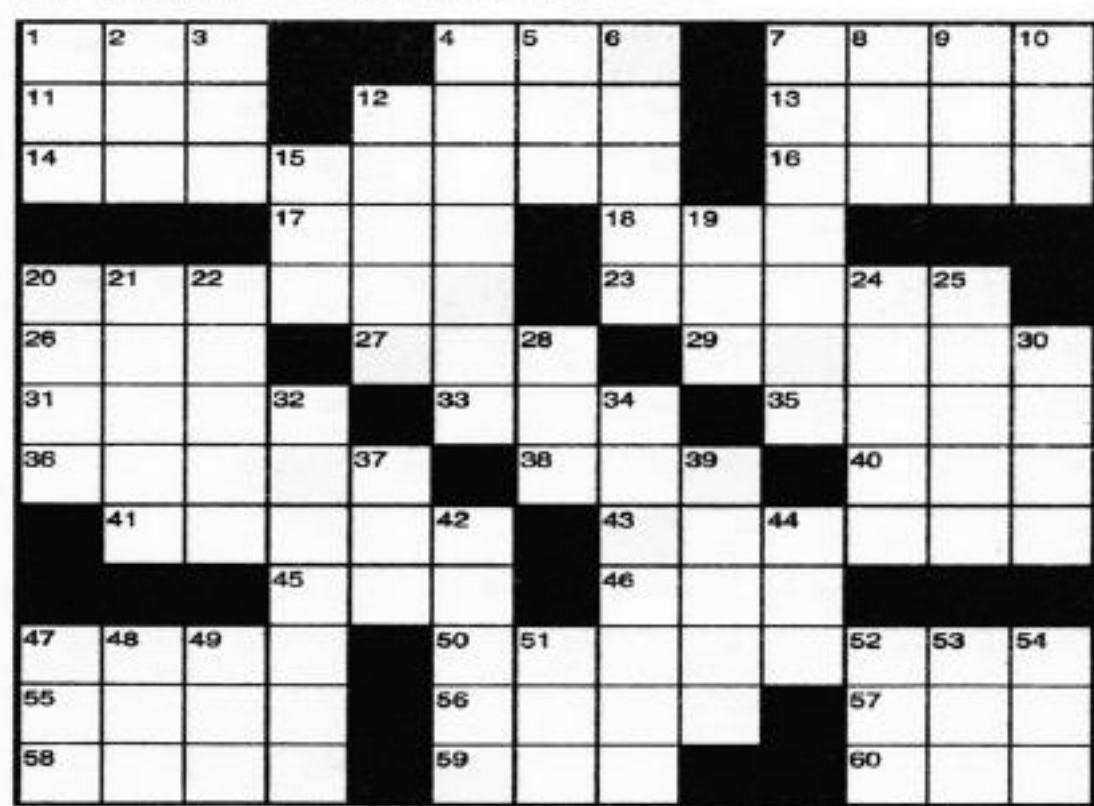
Danny Sullivan of the tech blog Search Engine Land said the upgrade of main search engine is based on a new algorithm with the code name "Hummingbird," which he said is "especially designed to handle complex queries."

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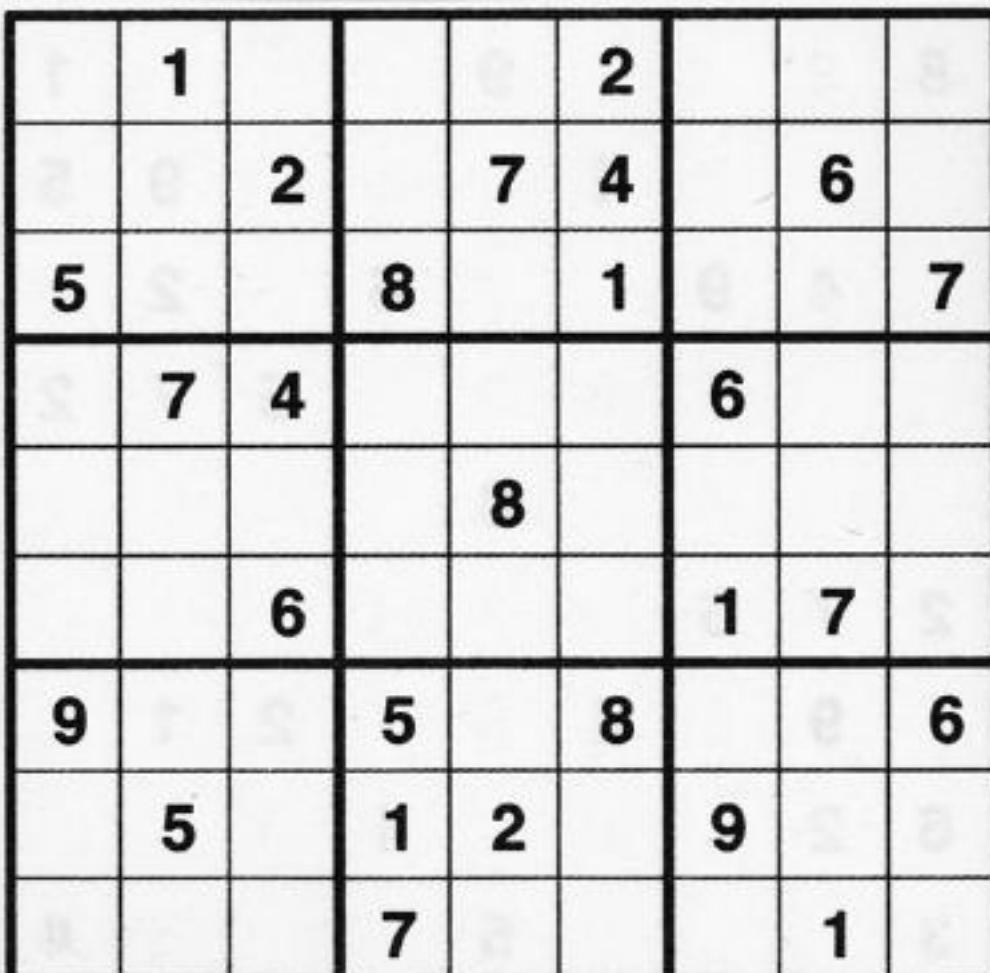
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Last subsidy for Dutch Caribbean was in 2012

THE HAGUE — A Member of Parliament of one of the Dutch Caribbean islands asked the Minister of Kingdom Relations, Ronald Plasterk how it is possible that Dutch tax payers are still paying for subsidies to the former Netherlands Antilles islands, while the islands are supposed to regulate their own affairs. Plaster replied that the subsidies were stopped this year.

"The last collaboration funds were made available to the Dutch Caribbean countries (Aruba, Curacao and Sint Maarten) and the public entities (Saba, Sint Eustatius and Bonaire) in 2012," according to the Minister. "This is not a

direct subsidy, but the funds administered by the Development Foundation Aruba (FDA), Netherlands Antilles Development Foundation (SONA) and Foundation Antillean C-Financing Organization (AMFO). The implementation of the cooperation policy will continue until the end of 2013 for AMFO, until 2014 for SONA and until 2015 for FDA. Then it is up to the countries themselves to continue with their policies in the field of education, socio-economic development, good governance and security and to reserve sufficient funds for these policies on their budget."

McDonald's to offer alternatives to fries, sodas

McDonald's Corp. plans to offer customers in its largest markets a choice of side salad, fruit or vegetable in place of French fries in its value meals and to push healthier beverages for its Happy Meals.

The fast-food chain announced a series of health-related commitments yesterday in partnership with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and the American Heart Association to reduce childhood obesity.

McDonald's said it would promote only water, milk and juice rather than soft drinks for

Happy Meals on its menu boards and in advertising. The chain also will emphasize nutrition in its packaging and advertising for children.

McDonald's chief executive pointed to past efforts by McDonald's to encourage kids to drink more milk in the mid-2000s, by advertising it more and using containers with vibrant colors. The chain's milk sales in the U.S. have increased by 50% since then, he said.

BlackBerry loses \$965 M in 2nd quarter

MONTREAL (AFP) - Canadian tech pioneer BlackBerry, which earlier this week agreed to a \$4.7 billion buyout, said yesterday that it lost \$965 million in the second quarter.

The Ontario-based company, formerly a leader in mobile phone technology, has been squeezed by rivals Android and Apple, steadily losing market share, a trend which continues according to its latest earnings report.

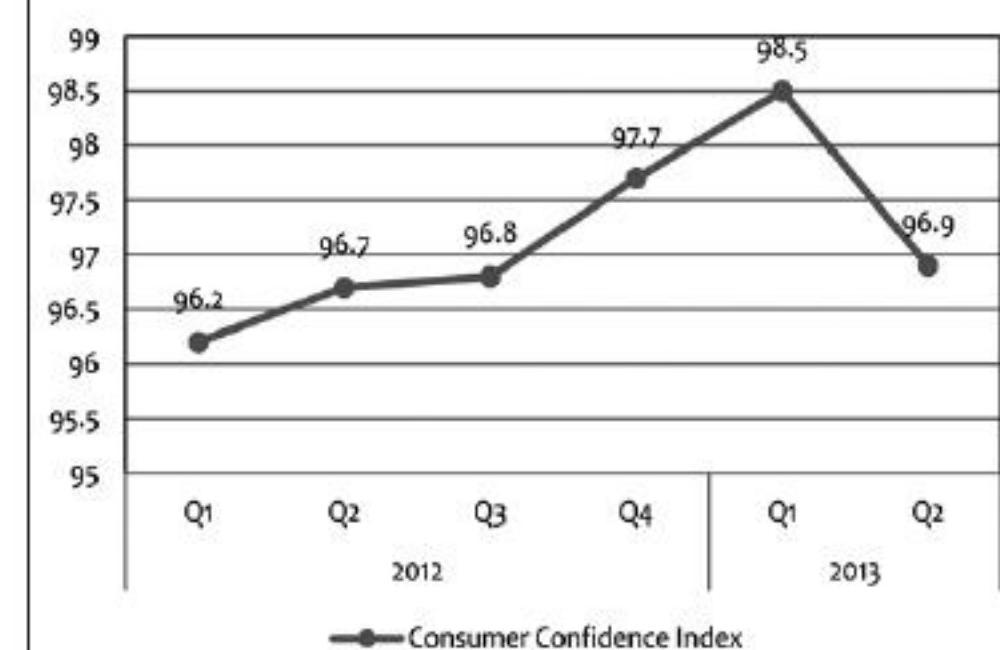
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Consumer confidence in the second quarter of 2013 has dropped

ORANJESTAD -- After peaking in the first quarter of the year, the Consumer Confidence Index dropped by 1.6 index points to 96.9 in the second quarter of 2013. This is the first decrease in consumer confidence (compared to the previous quarter) since the introduction of the Consumer Confidence Survey in 2012 (see Chart 1). However, the index is still 0.2 index points higher than the same period of the previous year. Both the Present Situation Index and the Expectation Index affected the Consumer Confidence Index negatively in the second quarter of 2013 (Table 1).

Consumers' perceptions on their present personal financial situation fell off further, as 20.5 percent of respondents revealed that their personal financial situation had worsened (first quarter: 17.0 percent). This same development is seen at both the present business and economic conditions (where 31.0 percent of the respondents indicated a deterioration in the second quarter versus 24.0 percent in the first quarter) and the government's financial position (38.3 percent pointed out a worsening in the second quarter versus 22.3 per-

Chart 1: Consumer Confidence Index



cent in the first quarter).

A similar trend occurs with regard to future expectations, as consumers indicated that their personal financial situation, the business and economic conditions and the government's financial position will deteriorate in the near future. On the other hand, consumers' outlook on

the labor market (both in the present and for the future) was less pessimistic in the second quarter compared to the first quarter of 2013. Finally, consumers reported that it was unsuitable to purchase a car (65.0 percent), some major appliances (51.8 percent) or to go on vacation (46.3 percent).

Table 1: Indices

	Consumer Confidence Index	Present Situation Index	Expectation Index
2012 I	96.2	95.6	99.0
2012 II	96.7	95.4	101.2
2012 III	96.8	95.5	100.6
2012 IV	97.7	98.5	100.3
2013 I	98.5	100.1	101.3
2013 II	96.9	97.7	99.1

The income gap in the Netherlands is getting wider, researchers say

THE HAGUE -- The gap between rich and poor in the Netherlands has increased over the past 35 years, according to researchers at Amsterdam University.

The financial position of the 10% of the population with the lowest incomes worsened by about 30% between 1977 and 2011, while the rest had

more to spend, the research, quoted by the Volkskrant, shows.

The main reason for the deterioration in the position of low income households is cuts in social security benefits.

In 1977, the richest 10% of the population earned 5.1 times as much as the poorest 10%. But by 2011 this had

stretched to 8.2%, the research showed. Growth was fastest in the second half of the 1980s when the minimum wage and benefits were frozen.

The current coalition government has made reducing the income gap a central part of its policies and is increasing the tax burden on the better off.

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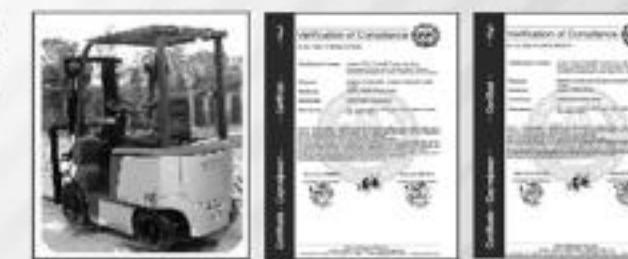
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--Though Aruba has its share of designer brand stores and shopping malls, ask almost any islander where they shop, and they will likely tell you "La Linda." Spread out over several specialty stores on the Caya Betico Croes, La Linda was Aruba's first and foremost department stores, where, for decades, one could find anything and everything, and after more than 70 years, still can make that claim.

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To this day, La Linda is particularly known for its huge fabrics and notions department, the first destination for many on an island where making your own clothes is still an everyday practice. Without question, the store offers the greatest diversity of selection in nearly every department, and they have now consolidated them all into one store; four floors containing a wealth of choices in clothing for men, women and children, house wares, bedding, sporting goods, luggage, shoes, jewelry, decorative items and more.

"The present store is a work in progress," asserts Jalme, as they continue to renovate and enlarge what had been only the men's store and warehouse in the past. Normally closed for a 2 hour lunch/siesta in the old island way, shoppers will



Unique, quality goods in all departments

soon find it open daily for the entire day, from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM, as they are on Saturday's, with a bright, charming eatery installed on the top floor.

La Linda is continually expanding their inventory, with their acquisitions department continually seeking out interesting, unique, and moderately priced goods from all over the world, always with an eye towards quality. They pay particular attention to their Women's Department specializing in over-sized

garments, stocking larger sizes exhibiting distinctive dash and style.

For travelers who have perhaps lost their luggage, they can offer a quick fix for all the family which won't break your budget, including some very stylish new suitcases.

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BEIJING (AFP) - An 18-metre tall inflatable duck is pictured during its unveiling at the historic Summer Palace in Beijing on September 25, 2013. The duck, designed by Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman, is to be displayed at Beijing's Garden Expo Park and the Summer Palace from September to October as part of a world tour of 13 cities across 10 countries.

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maintain. It is only three stories and twenty luxurious units, of which 14 will be oceanfront, the remainder, ocean view. Sizes range from one bedroom condominiums with a bath and a half to three-bedrooms, each bedroom with its own bath, and an additional guest half/bath. The designs include a family entertainment room that will

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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

-- An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming

eateries their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of

chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses of Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

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Football: Messi answers tax charges in court

GAVA (AFP) - Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi Friday appeared in court to answer charges of evading 4.16 million euros (\$5 million) in taxes in a case that stunned the sporting world.

Dressed in a dark jacket and white shirt, the 26-year-old Argentine international made no comment before or after the closed-door hearing at a court in Gava, the coastal suburb of Barcelona where he lives.

Testimony by the four-time winner of the FIFA World Player of the Year award revealed his desire to resolve the matter, Messi's lawyer, Cristobal Martel, told reporters after the hearing.

"It showed little intent to defraud and great intent to resolve the situation with the tax office instead of entering into a bitter battle with the state," the lawyer said.

Crowds of reporters and fans gathered outside the court where first Messi's father Jorge

Messi and then the player himself were quizzed on charges of evading tax on the striker's image rights to the tune of 4.16 million euros.

They have denied wrongdoing, pointing the finger at a former agent of the player.

The court said Jorge Messi paid the tax authorities five million euros in August -- the 4.16 million euros claimed by the taxman plus interest -- which is likely to significantly reduce any sentence should they be found guilty.

'I am not worried'

Lionel Messi's form on the field has scarcely been affected, with the Barcelona forward scoring 10 goals in just seven matches this season as the Spanish champions remain unbeaten.

The case began in June when a prosecutor accused the Messis of evading tax by ceding the player's image rights to "purely instrumental entities" in Belize and Uruguay.

Formula One: New Concorde deal announced for Formula One

PARIS (AFP) - World motorsport's governing body, the FIA, and its commercial arm run by Bernie Ecclestone, the Formula One Group, on Friday signed a new agreement for the next seven years.

The so-called Concorde Agreement, which runs from 2013-20, is a contract first introduced in 1981 to oversee how Formula One is managed and its revenues distributed.

The Concorde Agreement, the last one of which lapsed at the end of 2012, now needs to be ratified by the 11 race teams to become operational.

FIA president Jean Todt said: "We can be proud of this agreement, which establishes a more effective framework for the governance of the FIA Formula One World Championship."

Ecclestone, CEO of the Formula One Group, added: "I am very pleased that the agreement between the FIA and the Formula 1 Group has been concluded."



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YANKEES	82	77	.516	14.0	
TORONTO	72	87	.453	24.0	
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	
DETROIT	93	66	.585	-	
CLEVELAND	89	70	.560	4.0	
KANSAS	84	75	.528	9.0	
MINNESOTA	66	93	.415	27.0	
CHICAGO	62	97	.390	31.0	
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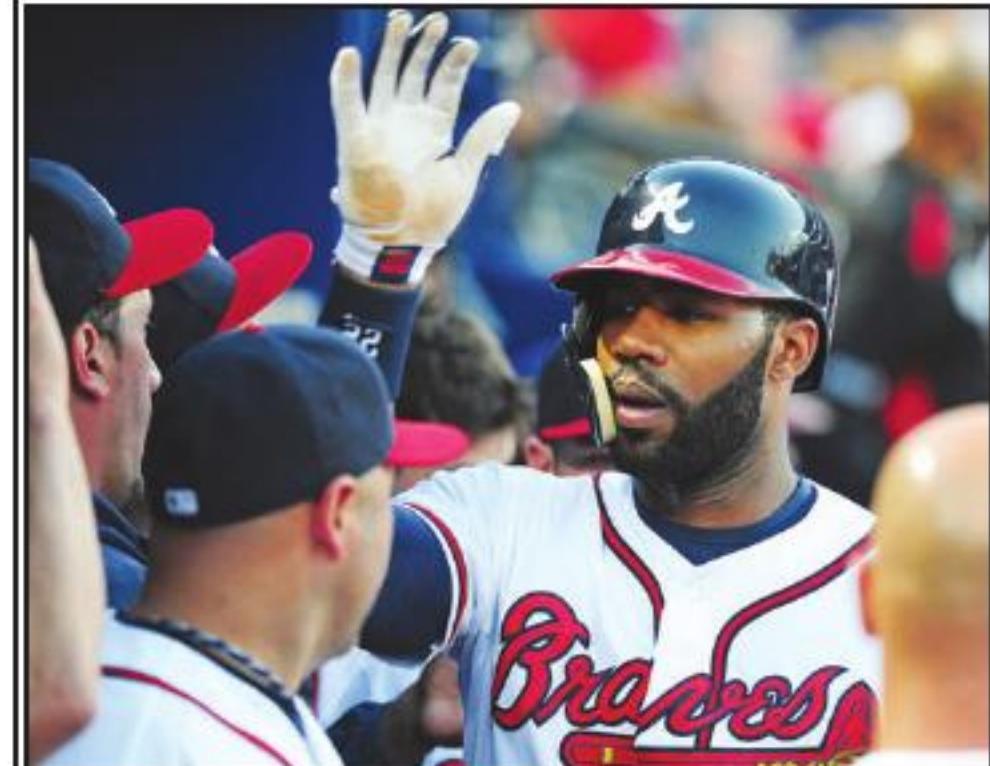
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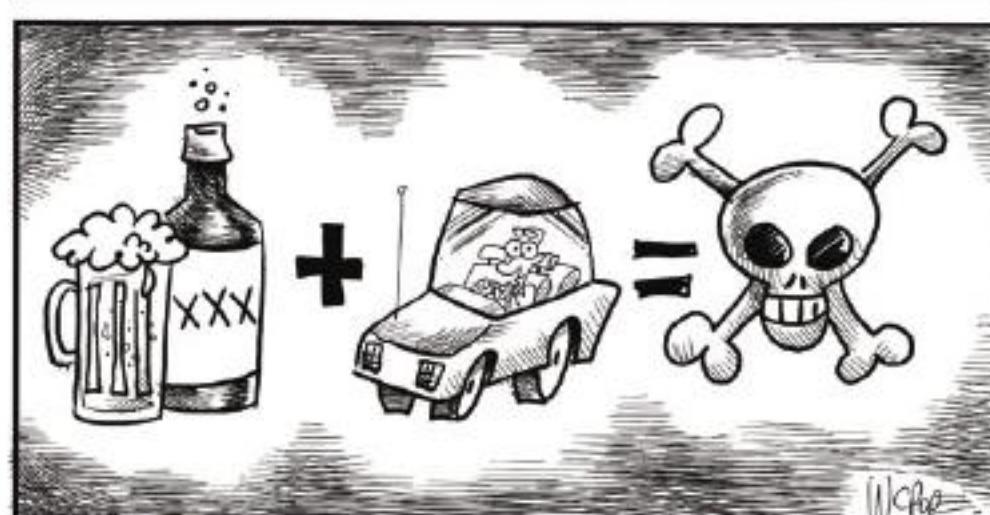
SAN FRANCISCO (AFP)- Angel Pagan #16 of the San Francisco Giants grounds out to second base but drives in Nick Noonan #21 (not pictured) during the fifth inning against the Los Angeles Dodgers at AT&T Park on Thursday. Giants won 3-2.



ARLINGTON, TX (AFP) - Leonys Martin #2 of the Texas Rangers celebrates the walkoff homerun of Jurickson Profar against the Los Angeles Angels at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington on Thursday. Rangers won 6-5.



ATLANTA, GA (AFP) - Jason Heyward #22 of the Atlanta Braves is congratulated by teammates after leading off the game with a home run against the Philadelphia Phillies at Turner Field on Thursday in Atlanta. Braves won 7-1.



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Golf: Woods named PGA Tour player of year

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, (AFP) - Tiger Woods was on Friday named as PGA Tour player of the year, while American Jordan Spieth was named rookie of the year.

It is the 11th time that the 37-year-old Woods has won the award, with this latest acknowledgement coming at the end of a season in which he has won five times in 16 Tour starts.

Woods, who has still not won a major since the 2008 US Open, won at the WGC-Cadillac Championship and the WGC Bridgestone Invitational as well as at the Players Championship.

"It's been an incredible year to have won five times," Woods said. "Fantastic year all around. It's an incredible feeling to be voted by your peers and have that respect. It's very humbling."

Woods has 79 career Tour victories and is now just three shy of Sam Snead's all-time record of 82.

He pipped Matt Kuchar, Phil Mickelson, Adam Scott and Henrik Stenson to the award.

Meanwhile, the 20-year-old Spieth became the youngest player to win on the Tour in more than 80 years when he triumphed at the John Deere Classic when still 19.

He had nine top-10 finishes in all and has shot up the world rankings to 21st.

"It's a tremendous honor," Spieth said.

MLB: Rivera makes New York farewell in Yankee loss

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - New York's Mariano Rivera, Major League Baseball's all-time career saves leader, took the mound at Yankee Stadium for the final time Thursday in a 4-0 loss to Tampa Bay.

Evan Longoria knocked in three runs with a pair of singles for the Rays as they stayed one game ahead of Cleveland and two in front of Texas in the fight for the final American League playoff berths.

But the night belonged to Rivera, who made an emotional farewell in defeat, sharing hugs with teammates Derek Jeter and Andy Pettitte before walking off for the last time.

The 43-year-old right-hander walked off to the cheers of Yankee Stadium fans who chanted his name after the final moment on the mound with those who had been with him over a career that saw him win five World Series titles.

Rivera, whose 19-year career with the Yankees will



close with three final games in Houston, entered in the eighth inning with one out. He retired all four batters he faced before being removed with two outs in the ninth so he could receive the standing ovation fans had waited through the entire defeat to give him.

Rivera stopped on his way to the Yankees dugout to acknowledge the Rays, who were also giving him a standing ovation, and the 48,675 fans.

After walking off in tears,

Rivera embraced his teammates and coaches then collected himself and left the dugout one last time, stepping on the field for a last curtain call.

After the final out, Rivera returned to the mound one final time to scoop dirt from the mound he spent so many years on, dominating rival batters.

The Yankees, already eliminated from the playoff race, suffered their fourth loss in a row.

NFL: Niners rip Rams to level record at 2-2

SAINT LOUIS (AFP) - Colin Kaepernick threw two touchdown passes, and the San Francisco 49ers defeated the St. Louis Rams 35-11 in an NFL game Thursday, improving to 2-2 on the season.

San Francisco's Frank Gore rushed 20 times for 153 yards, including a 34-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, while Kendall Hunter ran 29 yards and Anthony Dixon ran one yard for fourth-quarter touchdowns to spark the 49ers.

Kaepernick completed 15-of-23 passes for 167 yards and found Anquan Boldin



five times for 90 yards, including a 20-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter.

Kaepernick added a 12-yard touchdown passes to Vernon Davis in the third quarter to give the 49ers a 21-3 lead, and St. Louis never got within 17 points again.

Sam Bradford flipped a six-yard touchdown pass to Lance Kendricks in the fourth quarter, but it was too little and too late for the Rams, who fell to 1-3.

Colin Kaepernick #7 of the San Francisco 49ers is tackled by T.J. McDonald #25 and Eugene Sims #97

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Year-end No 1 Serena says 'not the greatest'

BEIJING (AFP) - Serena Williams said Friday she was not the greatest ever women's tennis player after securing the year-end world number one ranking for the third time in her glittering career.

But the 32-year-old American power-hitter, now on a career total of 55 titles with 17 major wins, told reporters in Beijing ahead of the China Open that she was "maybe top five".

Williams achieved the feat in 2002 and 2009, and joins Justine Henin and Martina Hingis as a three-time year-end number one, with only Steffi Graf (8), Martina Navratilova (7), Chris Evert (5) and Lindsay Davenport (4) ahead of her.

Williams also became the first woman to surpass \$9 million in prize money in a single season, pushing her career earnings past \$50 million.

She is the top seed in the \$5,185,625 China Open, while home favourite Li Na is seeded fourth.

Williams, along with Victoria Azarenka, Maria Sharapova and Agnieszka Radwanska -- the world numbers one, two, three and four -- have already qualified for the WTA Championships.

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Chester Hill wins Silver in Pan American Youth Games



--The Aruba delegation in Lima, Peru is doing exceptionally! Last Wednesday once again another athlete won another medal for Aruba in the Triathlon relay event. Masculine athlete Chester Hill won a Silver medal in the combined event with three other fellow athletes from other countries.

Among them were 2 male and 2 female athletes.

Four countries competed together as a team. They formed teams of 2 females and two males. The athletes

had to run a distance of 350 meters, swim 5 Km, cycle and 1.5 Km on foot. Aruban Chester Hill achieved the three disciplines successfully. This is how he won the Silver medal.

Unquestionably, our athletes did fantastically during the games. Aruba now has five medals to her name!

COA and Aruba want to congratulate our athlete Chester Hill with his Silver medal which he won so admirably during the Pan American Youth Games in Lima, Peru.

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